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An Ordinance by Debi Starnes

An Ordinance to amend Code 138, Streets, Sidewalks and the Public Right-of Way, to allow property owners to assist the City in disposing of illegal newspaper boxes in front of their property.

WHEREAS, the City has enacted legislation to regulate the placement, appearance and maintenance of newspaper boxes,

AND WHEREAS, multiple vendors are not complying with the law, despite being informed of the law and warned of impending enforcement,

AND WHEREAS, the City does not have sufficient staff to enforce the ongoing and blatant violations of the law.

AND WHEREAS, property owners are responsible for maintenance of the sidewalks that border their property,

BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED, that Section 138-52 be amended by adding a new section (c), which states:

When newspaper boxes and/or other vending boxes are placed illegally in the public right of way, that a property owner may ask that the City's Department of Public Works send a letter notifying the owners of such vending devices of the violation and that the vending device must be removed. After 30 days, if such device has not been removed by the owner(s), the property owner(s) who border that property may remove and dispose of such devices - either themselves, or through a designated party of their choice.